



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590



REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

January 31, 2003

Akzo Nobel Inc.
Attn: Brian Curtis
300 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2200
Chicago, IL 60606

Dear Sir or Madam:

On December 20, 2002, U.S. EPA sent out letters offering a number of parties an opportunity to enter into a *de minimis* settlement with the United States to resolve alleged liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) for all past response costs incurred by the United States at the CRS Site and for anticipated future response costs which the United States expects it may incur at that Site. Enclosed with that letter was a copy of the Administrative Order on Consent (Consent Order) which will express the agreements of the settling parties.

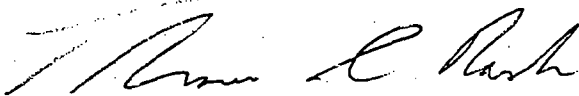
The letter stated the sum U.S. EPA was prepared to accept to settle its claims against the party you represent, **Akzo Nobel**. The letter also provided instructions and invited you to send a signature page, signed by someone authorized to commit funds on behalf of the party you represent in order to resolve this matter. U.S. EPA is still prepared to settle its claims against you for **\$43,600.00**.

U.S. EPA has not yet received a signature page from you. If you or the party you represent have already sent a signature page, please call me at 312-886-0552 to determine whether or not that signature page has been received. U.S. EPA is sending letters now to all parties who received the first letter, but have not yet sent in signature pages. Another copy of the *de minimis* settlement Order has been enclosed so you may review the terms of this offer and send in your signed signature page.

U.S. EPA is now setting a deadline by which time parties who have not already done so must send in signed signature pages if they wish to enter into this *de minimis* settlement. You must send in your signature page by **February 14, 2003**, if you wish to enter into this *de minimis* settlement. Please call me at 312-886-0552 if you have any questions.

The enclosed Consent Order contains provisions for contribution protection and a covenant not to sue. The enclosed Consent Order, when fully executed, with the signature pages of all settling PRPs, will be forwarded to U.S. Department of Justice for approval, and notice of the terms of the settlement will be published in the Federal Register. After this notice, and consideration of comments received, the terms of the Order will become final and effective. Please note that the terms of the Order itself provide that the sum paid to the United States in settlement does not become due until the effective date of the Order. U.S. EPA will inform you at that time when the Order becomes final and effective, and will send you instructions regarding payment at that time. Please do not send payment until you receive those instructions. Please call me at 312-886-0552 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas C. Nash".

Thomas C. Nash
Associate Regional Counsel

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